



Virginia Green Attractions



Profile:



DelFosse Vineyards and Winery Faber, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests. Below is a list of this attraction's "green" activities that guests can expect.

Attraction

"DelFosse Vineyards & Winery, one of the newest wineries in Virginia near Charlottesville and Jefferson's Monticello, invites you to come explore. Located in the Hickory Creek Valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains, our rural setting offers the serenity - and the wine - that only Central Virginia can provide. Our location is unique, hugged by the hills but with the elevation to ensure both rich wines and spectacular views. Relax and have a quiet picnic by the lake or take a hike or a bike ride on the 5 1/2 miles of trails surrounding the winery. Take a tour of our terraced vineyards or historic buildings and enjoy a tasting of our fine wines. Join us for our Public Events, Wine Dinners, Food and Wine Pairing Lunches, etc.; or host your Private Event or Wedding at the winery."

CORE ACTIVITIES for all *Virginia Green Attractions*

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☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, food waste (composting), plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Plenty of highly visible signage promoting recycling and bins
- Donate excess food from events
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and "sustainably-grown" foods
- Use of non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics

- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials

☒ **Styrofoam/Disposables Minimization.** Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables and eliminate the use of Styrofoam products for take-out and left-overs. This restaurant pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers made from recycled content

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan and minimize impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Use cisterns, drip-line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

For more information on **DelFosse Vineyard and Winery**, see www.delfossewine.com or contact Claude DelFosse at delfosse@delfossewine.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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